

This is a non-licensure degree and is not a state approved program. Completion of this degree will not lead to the eligibility of a VA state teaching license or a teaching license or certificate in any other state. If you would like to be eligible for a VA state teaching license or work through reciprocity guidelines to be eligible for a license or certificate in another state, you must complete the coursework for this degree and the additional classes and requirements that are listed in the Notes section of the DCP. Refer to [www.liberty.edu/advisingguide](http://www.liberty.edu/advisingguide)

**EDUCATION THEORY COURSES (6 hours)**

		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations	3	_____	_____

**EDUCATIONAL LAW CONCENTRATION (21 hours)**

*Choose fifteen credit hours from the following courses:*

LAW 601	Family Law	3	_____	_____
LAW 605	Children & the Law Seminar	2	_____	_____
LAW 648	Law of Nonprofits	2	_____	_____
LAW 661	Intellectual Property	3	_____	_____
LAW 705	First Amendment Law Seminar	2	_____	_____
LAW 725	School Law Seminar	2	_____	_____
LAW 781	Employment Law	3	_____	_____
LAW 785	Land Use & Zoning	3	_____	_____

*Choose one of the following courses:*

EDUC 742	Educational Leadership & Public Relations	3	_____	_____
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis & Problem Solving for Educators	3	_____	_____

*Choose one of the following courses:*

EDUC 848	Culture & Educational Leadership	3	_____	_____
EDUC 849	College & University Administration	3	_____	_____

**RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (12 hours)**

EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 816	Applied Research Methods	3	_____	_____
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____

**CAPSTONE (15 hours)<sup>3</sup>**

EDUC 887	Capstone I <sup>4</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDUC 888	Capstone II <sup>4</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDUC 889	Capstone III <sup>4</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDUC 890	Capstone IV <sup>5</sup>	0	_____	_____

**TOTAL HOURS      54**

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 54 hours

A minimum of 39 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include from a prior degree earned through Liberty

A maximum of 15 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree\*

3.0 GPA

No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree

Successful completion of Capstone Project

Degree must be completed within 7 years\*\*

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

\*Applicants who have previously completed an Educational Specialist (Ed. S.) or equivalent degree from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education will be considered for advanced standing (up to 24 hours) in the Ed.D. program

Students who have earned an Ed.S. degree through Liberty are permitted to apply up to 27 hours (as applicable) from that degree toward the Ed.D.

\*\*There is a limit of 5 years for completion of the Ed.D. for students who were granted 18 hours or more of advanced standing credit from a previously completed Ed.S. or equivalent degree

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750

<sup>2</sup>EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in Capstone courses

<sup>3</sup>Once the student enters the Capstone phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

<sup>4</sup>Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 887, 888, 889 a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education.

<sup>5</sup>Enrollment in EDUC 890 is contingent on School of Education approval

*Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page*

**Program Offered in Online Format**

### SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>First Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 701	3	LAW Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
EDUC 703	<u>3</u>	EDUC 742 or EDUC 745	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u>	
LAW Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	LAW Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
LAW Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC 848 or EDUC 849	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Third Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 750	3	EDUC 816	3
LAW Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	Total	3
Total	6		
<u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Fourth Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 850	<u>3</u>	EDUC 880	<u>3</u>
Total	3	Total	3
<u>Fifth Semester (A-Term)</u>		<u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 887	5	EDUC 888	5
Total	5	Total	5
<u>Seventh Semester (A-Term)</u>		<u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 889	5	EDUC 890	0
Total	5	Total	0

#### **Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Choose from the following courses (minimum 15 credits total required): LAW 601, 605, 648, 661, 705, 725, 781, and 785

### LICENSURE OPTIONS

Must complete additional courses below and all coursework for Ed.D. except Capstone courses<sup>2</sup>

#### **Initial Licensure** additional courses required:

**Elementary:** EDUC 530, 554, 571, 606, 623<sup>1</sup>, 632<sup>1</sup>, 634, 636, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE- Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment

**Special Education:** EDUC 521, 524, 525, 530, 554, 571, 606, 622<sup>1</sup>, 623<sup>1</sup>, student teaching, VCLA, RVE- Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment

**Secondary:** EDUC 539, 571, 606, 623<sup>1</sup>, 625, 656, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis Subject Assessment

#### **Add-on Licensure** additional courses required and Field Experience Summary (45 hours)

**Early Childhood ( for 3- and 4-year-olds ):** EDUC 501, 598, 653, 670, must have elementary license

**Gifted:** EDUC 526, 598, 620, 621, 627, must have initial license

#### **Advanced Licensure** additional courses required:

**School Counseling:** Master's Degree in Counseling; EDUC 600, 622, 33 hours of EDCE courses as listed on M.Ed. in School Counselor DCP

**Reading or Math Specialist:** EDUC 622<sup>1</sup>, 641<sup>1</sup>, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years' experience  
Also for **Math:** EDUC 530, Praxis Subject Assessment or **Reading:** EDUC 556, 659, RVE- Reading for Virginia Educators: Reading Specialist

**Building-level School Administration:** EDUC 641<sup>1</sup>, 648, 672, 740, 741, 742, 747<sup>1</sup>, 699-A01; any graduate-level Curriculum course may substitute for 672; must have initial license and 3 years' experience

#### **Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Intensive Format optional

<sup>2</sup>For doctoral candidates seeking licensure, EDUC 880 can be substituted for EDUC 798 in order to post EDS degree for licensure application.